

Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) Grants

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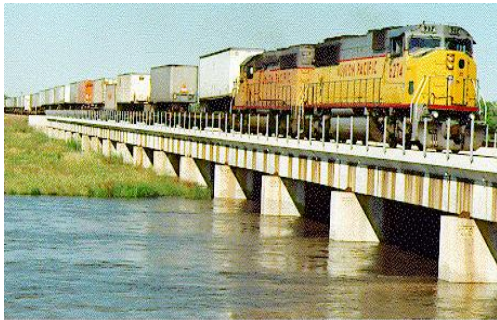
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History

- ▶ Created in September 1987
- ▶ Wisconsin State Statute: 84.184
- ▶ Administrative Rule: TRANS 510



What is TEA?

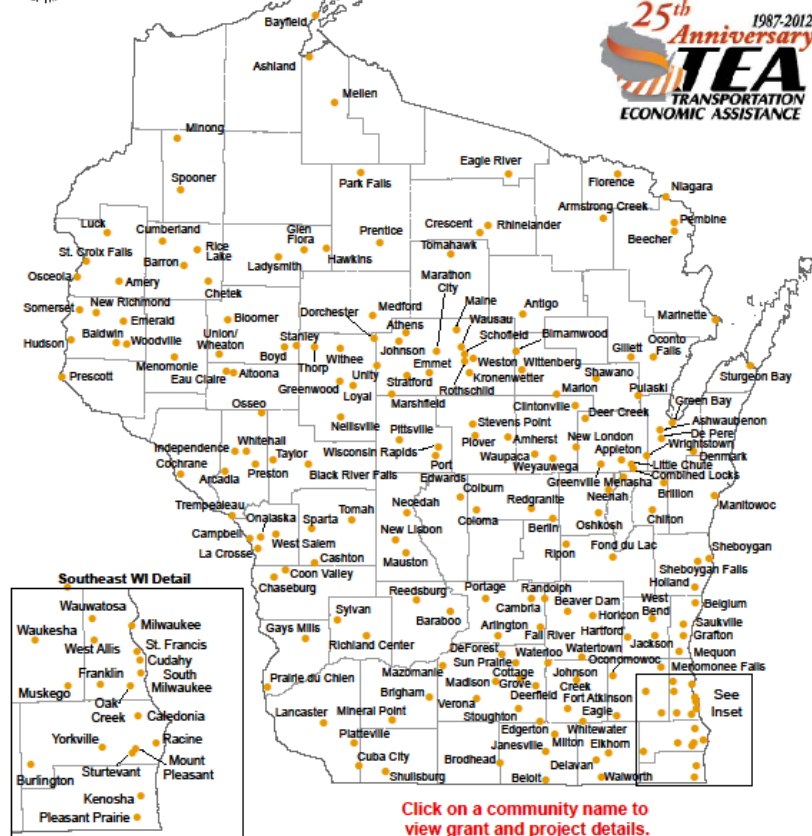
Grant Program- to provide transportation improvements for local communities to help:

- ▶ Businesses create new employment or retain existing jobs in Wisconsin
- ▶ Encourage private businesses to invest in Wisconsin





Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) Program Grant Recipients (1987 - 2012)



Years	Number of Grants	New/Created Job Total	Retained Job Total	Indirect + Induced Job Total	Total Jobs	Total Grant Amount	Total Capital Investment	Improvement Type
1987 - 2012	320	23,394	10,488	41,760	75,642	\$87.66 Million	\$4.88 Billion	Air = 1 Water/Ports = 1 Road & Rail = 20 Rail Only = 57 Roadways = 241

Since 1987:

- ✓ 342 grants awarded
- ✓ \$97 million awarded
- ✓ Over 90,000 direct and indirect jobs created and/or retained
- ✓ \$5.76 billion in private investments leveraged
- ✓ \$3.2 billion in annual wages created



Purpose and Objective

Purpose

- ▶ To provide funding for transportation improvements that are needed for economic development projects in order to create and retain employment in Wisconsin

Objective

- ▶ To rapidly (60-90 days) respond to the transportation needs of a new or expanding economic development project



Program Details

- ▶ Will pay up to 50% of the transportation improvement cost
- ▶ Up to \$5,000 for each new job create and/or retained (3 years to create, 4 years to retain)
- ▶ \$1m grant maximum per project (200 jobs pledged)
- ▶ Requires 50% local match (community, business, other grant/loan programs, local revolving loan, etc.)



Eligible Jobs

- ▶ New employment that does not replace other workers (manufacturing, wholesale, distribution, IT, financial services)
- ▶ Retention of employment that avoids the loss of Wisconsin jobs to another state or a plant closure
- ▶ Ineligible examples:
 - Retail stores
 - Eating/drinking/hospitality establishments
 - Recreational businesses
 - Entertainment facilities



Additional considerations

- ▶ Local governing body (local sponsor) must guarantee repayment if jobs goal unmet
- ▶ 60-90 day application processing time
- ▶ Not on a cycle- apply anytime
- ▶ Reimbursement program- incur costs first and submit for eligible reimbursements
- ▶ First come, first served- annual budget of ~\$3.2m
- ▶ Locally let projects with state requirements (real estate acquisitions)



Types of projects

- ▶ Highways, local roads, streets, turn lanes, intersections
- ▶ Rail lines, spurs, switches, loading platforms, signals for rail crossings
- ▶ Dock walls, dredging, mooring facilities
- ▶ Runways, taxi ways, aprons, access roads



Changes and outlook

- ▶ Governor's biennial budget submittal included:
 - State share increase from 50% to 80%- reduces the local match required to 20%
 - Additional \$2m to the program
- ▶ Currently have ~\$7.1m in 15 projects waiting to see where the budget submittal will go – all are anticipated to be ready awarded in SFY16



Questions?

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